

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended): Motor vehicle body comprising at least one door opening, a portion of which comprises at least one side beam covered by a skin constituting the side of the passenger compartment ~~side~~, a door rotatably mounted around the opening to close or open this opening ~~and whose lining comes in contact at least partially with the skin in a closed position of the door~~ and means for retaining the door to limit its intrusion inside the passenger compartment upon a lateral impact to which the vehicle is subjected, wherein the means for retaining the door comprise at least one retention pin fixed to the side beam so as to be covered by the skin and a hole provided in the door lining facing the retention pin when the door is in the closed position.

2. (Currently amended): Motor vehicle body according to claim 1, wherein the retention pin is fixed to ~~the~~ a web of the side beam.

3. (Currently amended): Motor vehicle body according to claim 1, wherein the hole is a delimited hole ~~bound~~ on the door lining.

4. (Previously presented): Motor vehicle body according to claim 1, wherein the means for retaining the door comprise two retention pins and two holes each respectively facing a retention pin when the door is in the closed position and distributed in the vicinity of the center of entry of the door.

5. (Currently amended): Motor vehicle body according to claim 1, wherein ~~the retention pin(s) is (are) fixed to a (-) counter element(s)~~ each of the at least one retention pin is fixed to a counter element stamped locally on the ~~side beam(s)~~ side beam.

6. (Currently amended): Motor vehicle body according to claim 1, wherein ~~the retention pin(s) is (are)~~ each of the at least one retention pin is fixed on a continuous groove provided over the whole length of ~~the~~ a web of the side beam.

7. (Previously presented): Motor vehicle body according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the portion of the skin facing the retention pin is reduced in order to facilitate the perforation thereof upon the lateral impact to which the vehicle is subjected.

8. (Previously presented): Motor vehicle body according to claim 1, wherein the door comprises at least one cross-member implanted between the lining and the door panel and disposed at the bottom of the hole to avoid the tearing off thereof by the retention pin upon the lateral impact.

9. (Currently amended): Motor vehicle body according to claim 8, wherein the cross-member has an internal profile ~~complementary~~ complementary to that of the retention pin.

10. (Currently amended): Motor vehicle body according to claim 2, wherein the hole is a delimited hole ~~bound~~ on the door lining.

11. (Previously presented): Motor vehicle body according to claim 2, wherein the means for retaining the door comprise two retention pins and two holes each respectively facing a

retention pin when the door is in the closed position and distributed in the vicinity of the center of entry of the door.

12. (Previously presented): Motor vehicle body according to claim 3, wherein the means for retaining the door comprise two retention pins and two holes each respectively facing a retention pin when the door is in the closed position and distributed in the vicinity of the center of entry of the door.

13. (Currently amended): Motor vehicle body according to claim 2, wherein ~~the retention pin(s) is (are) fixed to a (-) counter element(s)~~ each of the at least one retention pin is fixed to a counter element stamped locally on the side beam(s) side beam.

14. (Currently amended): Motor vehicle body according to claim 3, wherein ~~the retention pin(s) is (are) fixed to a (-) counter element(s)~~ each of the at least one retention pin is fixed to a counter element stamped locally on the side beam(s) side beam.

15. (Currently amended): Motor vehicle body according to claim 4, wherein ~~the retention pin(s) is (are) fixed to a (-) counter element(s)~~ each of the at least one retention pin is fixed to a counter element stamped locally on the side beam(s) side beam.

16. (Currently amended): Motor vehicle body according to claim 2, wherein ~~the retention pin(s) is (are)~~ each of the at least one retention pin is fixed on a continuous groove provided over the whole length of the web of the side beam.

Amendment
Serial No. 10/500,670
Attorney Docket No. 042542

17. (Currently amended): Motor vehicle body according to claim 2 3, wherein ~~the retention pin(s) is (are)~~ each of the at least one retention pin is fixed on a continuous groove provided over the whole length of ~~the~~ a web of the side beam.

18. (Currently amended): Motor vehicle body according to claim 2 4, wherein ~~the retention pin(s) is (are)~~ each of the at least one retention pin is fixed on a continuous groove provided over the whole length of ~~the~~ a web of the side beam.

19. (New): Motor vehicle body according to claim 1, wherein the door comes into contact at least partially with the door opening in a closed position of the door.